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## Tuition Assistance for Individuals Serving Individuals with Disabilities

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### About this Report:

This community college report is prepared in response to legislation passed in 2008 (Senate File 2425) that implemented the Tuition Assistance for Individuals Serving Individuals with Disabilities Program. The report includes statistics compiled from FY11

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In 2008, the legislature passed Senate File 2425 that implemented the Tuition Assistance for Individuals Serving Individuals with Disabilities Pilot Program. The Iowa Departments of Education and Human Services collaborated on developing a system for participating employers and students to provide tuition assistance to employees of health care facilities serving individuals with mental illness or mental retardation. The participating employers were required to match the state funding appropriated for the program on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the participating employee's tuition.

The tuition assistance program provides tuition assistance for individuals who are employees of health care facilities providing services to individuals with mental retardation and mental illness. Through the program, employees of participating agencies may receive tuition-free coursework at a participating community college. Students who participate in this program are required to maintain employment of at least 20 hours per week while taking the college courses. Participating agencies match state funds allocated to community colleges on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Half of the tuition of each student/employee is covered by the employer, half by state funding allocated to a community college. Participating employers may not charge employees for any portion of students' tuition costs. Through the program, participating students may receive tuition assistance for up to six credits per semester. Students may register for any credit courses within a course of study leading to a degree applicable to the health care workforce and employment by health care facilities providing services to adults with mental illness or mental retardation. The student may enroll at any Iowa community college partnering with the students' employer. The students' coursework may include any college course within a curriculum leading to an Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science, or Associate of Arts degree.

In FY11 (this includes the fall 2010, spring 2011, and summer 2011 semesters), the Iowa Department of Education reimbursed six community colleges a total of \$11,950.13 under this program. Twenty-five (25) students participated in the program taking 61 courses.

Amount Reimbursed	Unduplicated Students	Courses
\$11,950.13	25	61

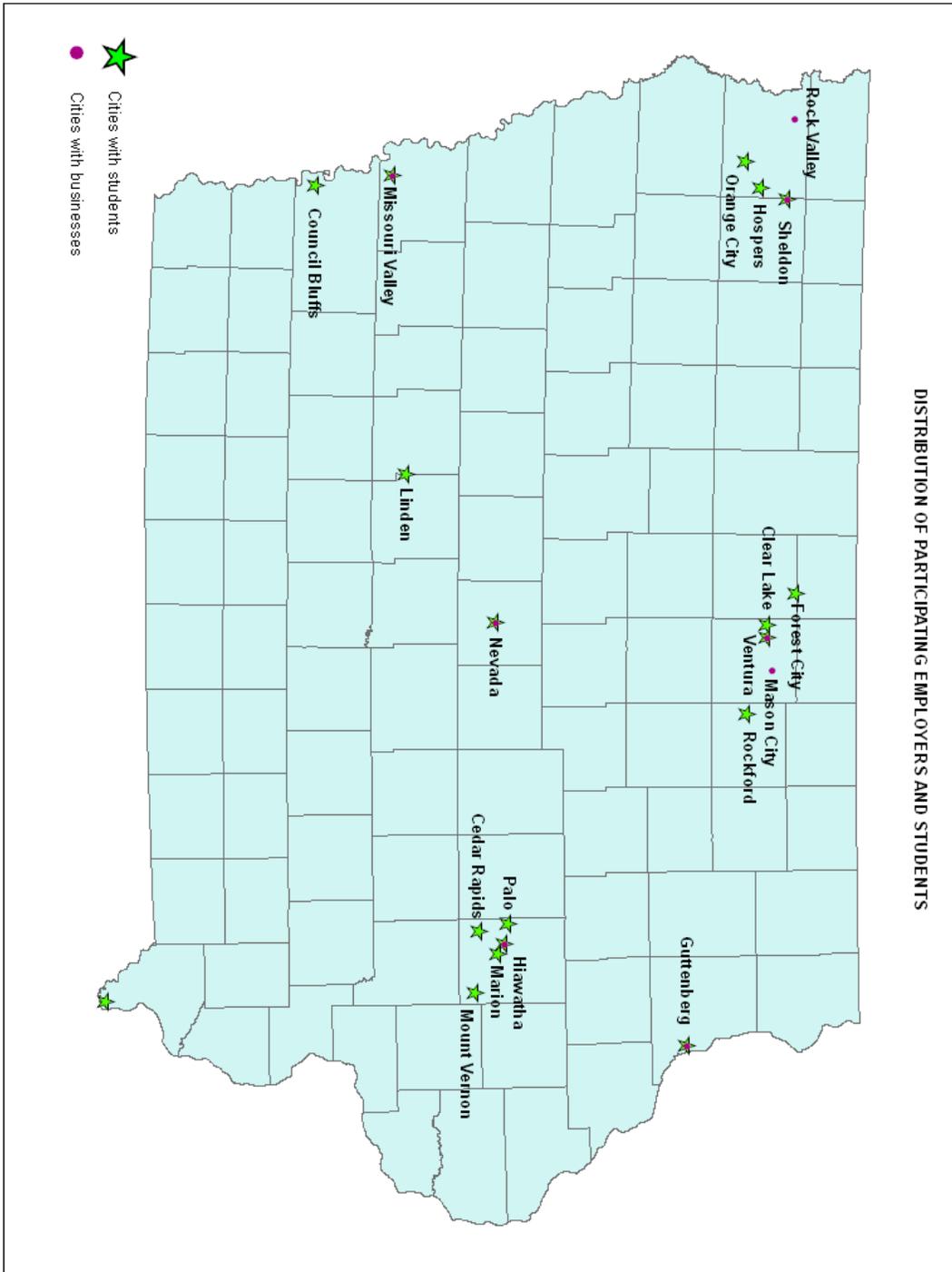
The detail for each community college that participated in this program is included below.

College	Amount Reimbursed	Unduplicated Students	Courses
Northeast Iowa	\$ 411.00	1	1
North Iowa Area	\$ 3,306.13	5	19
Northwest Iowa	\$ 3,225.00	5	15
Kirkwood	\$ 3,127.00	10	17
Des Moines Area	\$ 1,125.00	2	6
Southeastern	\$ 756.00	2	3

College	Participating Employers
Northeast Iowa	G & G Living Center
North Iowa Area	Opportunity Village
Northwest Iowa	Hope Haven Village Northwest Unlimited
Kirkwood	REM Iowa
Des Moines Area	REM – Iowa Krysilis
Southeastern	REM Community Services, Inc.

College	Degrees Sought
Northeast Iowa	Associate Degree Nursing, AAS
North Iowa Area	Associate of Arts
	Associate of Applied Science
Northwest Iowa	Pre-Professional -HR (Associate of Arts)
	Associate of Arts
	Associate Degree of Nursing
	Pre-Professional Nursing
Kirkwood	Associate of Arts
	Associate of Applied Science
Des Moines Area	Human Services
	Criminal Justice
Southeastern	Nursing-Practical Nursing
	Arts & Science/Nursing Prep

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